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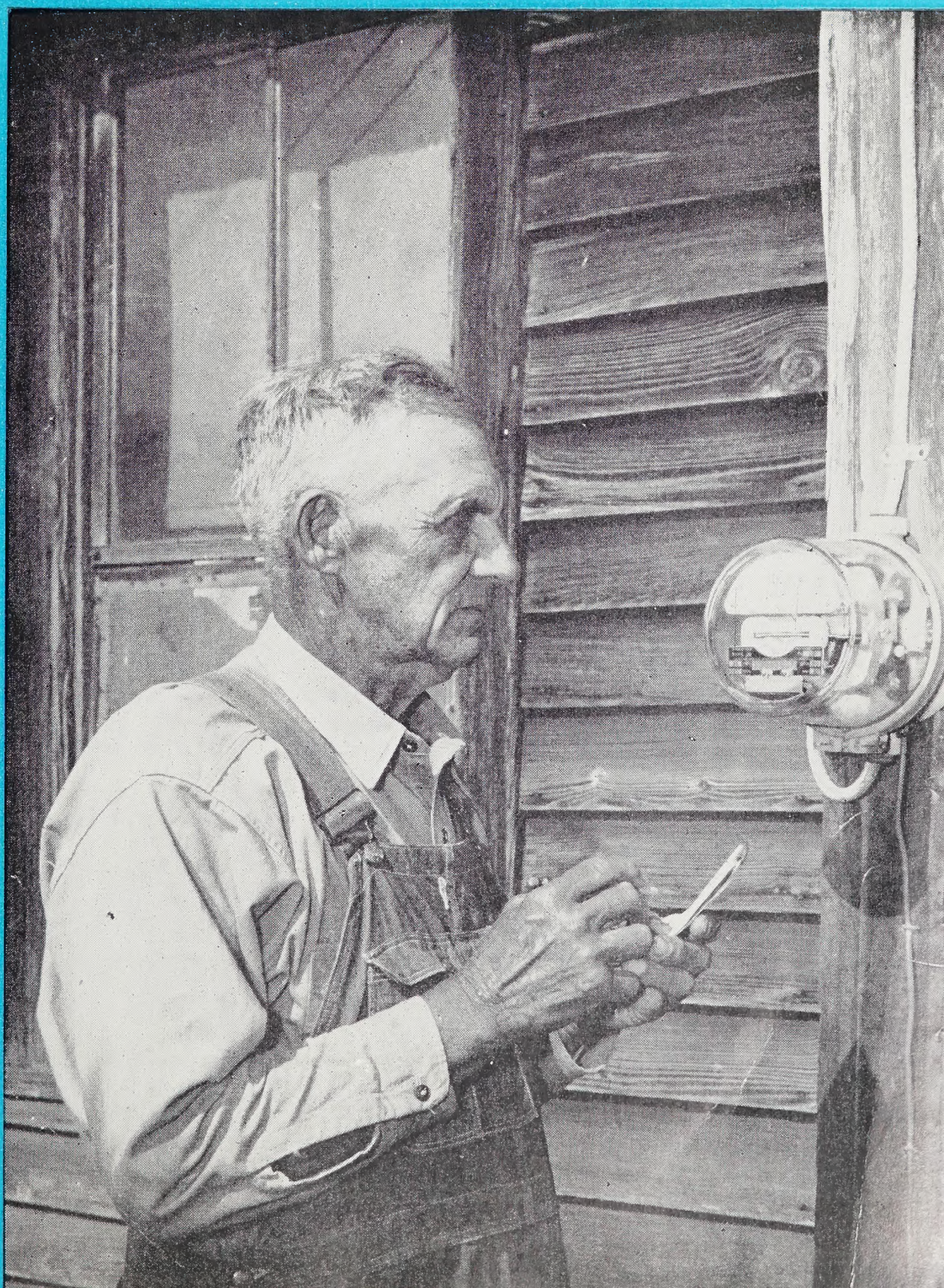

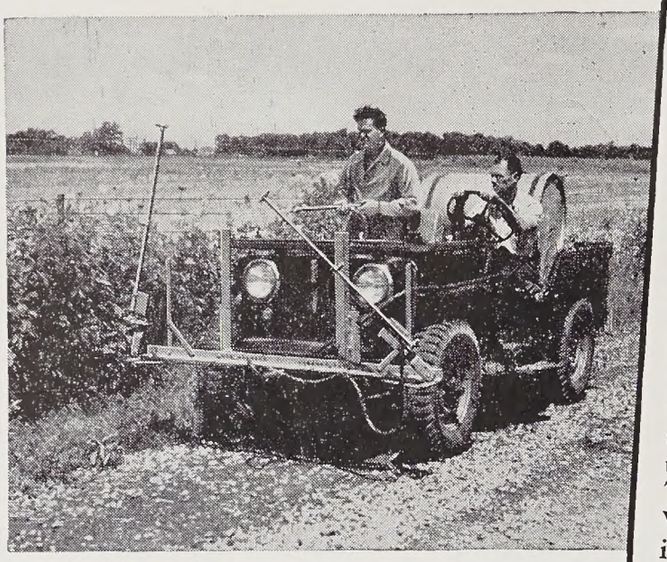

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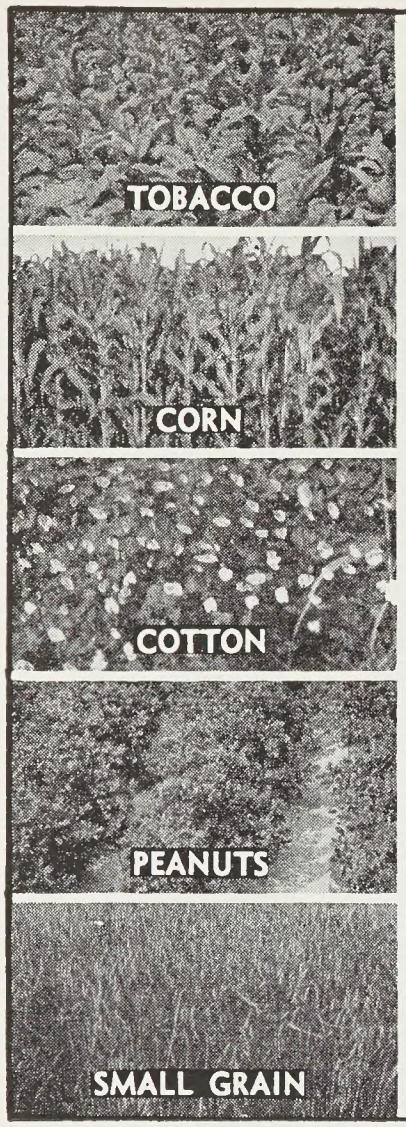

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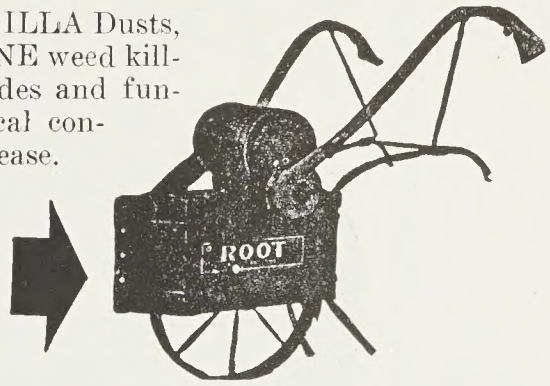

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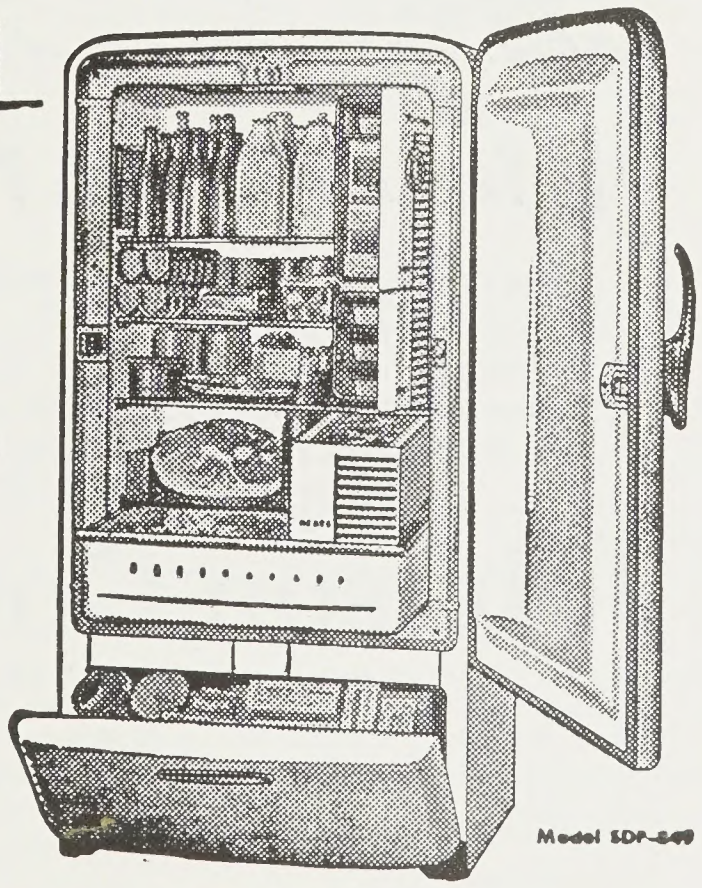

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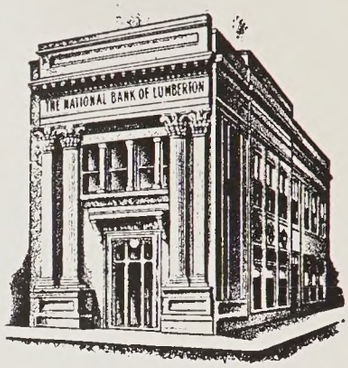

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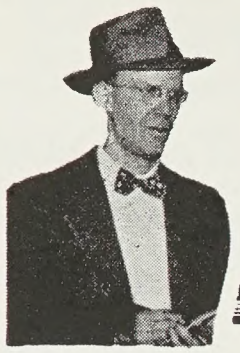

WASHINGTON REPORT

BY WILLIAM S. ROBERTS
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The proposal contained in two congressional bills, introduced by Rep. W. R. Poage (Tex.) and Senator Lister Hill (Ala.), to authorize telephone loans on the same financial terms as rural electrification loans is attracting significant attention in some quarters. The proposed legislation is being called "socialistic," "government competition with private industry" and "unnecessary."

This furious opposition, of course, is coming from telephone interests. However, the surprising thing is that much of the bitter condemnation is coming from the so-called "independent" telephone companies.

Of course the folks who are really affected—60% of the farm families who don't have any telephone service, and another 30% who want modern, efficient service—can be heard pleading for enactment of the REA rural telephone lending authority in the midst of this din by the telephone people. But that is not surprising, and it is quite obvious why farm families want to see telephone service expanded as rapidly as rural electrification has spread during the past 14 years.

The Independent Telephone Association opposed the bill during House committee hearings and some spokesmen have made bitter blasts against the loan proposal since the hearing. Yet the phone loans would be of particular benefit to small independent systems, who scrape the barrel for financing after Bell systems skim the rich cream. Loans would even be available for independents to refinance rural lines at the lower interest rate.

AT&T — the Bell Companies — are the staunchest foes, with AT&T it is a question of willingness, and not ability, to extend rural telephone service in rural areas without low-cost Government financing.

The paradox of the independents who really need capital to expand and rehabilitate their rural lines but oppose the Poage-Hill bills has several explanations.

First, the independents are not quite that. Bell has a monopoly over the production of telephone equipment (which is being challenged by the Federal Government in court at the present time) and the independents are dependent upon AT&T for modern equipment. In making long-distance toll arrangements, Bell has a tremendous advantage with their nation-wide empire. Independents may feel that they have to read the script that Bell writes if they are not to be victims of equipment and toll retaliation.

But a second reason for the independents' opposition to the Poage and Hill telephone bills is not as big a factor as it has been. That is because some of the misleading, vague charges by the telephone industry against the bills are being revealed in their true light of propaganda, and the name-calling is becoming rather meaningless as the understanding of the real purpose and provisions of the telephone lending legislation becomes known.

The inflammatory charge that the telephone bills were "socialistic" did not ever have much effect. Name-calling is pretty thinly veiled propaganda any time. And when you try to call a farmer a socialist merely because he wants the convenience and safety that telephone service offers, it is pretty ridiculous on the face of it. But the other claims by the telephone industry that rural phone loans would put the Government in the telephone business, and that the bills are directed against existing phone companies and would favor co-ops and public ownership are all just as ridiculous.

By reading the bills, anyone can see that the existing telephone companies have an absolute exclusive privilege to do the job—if they will. Even if they won't, the telephone loans would be made to private organizations including cooperatives. The proposed legislation does not provide for the Government to go into the telephone business at all.

The main effort of supporters of the Telephone Bill now has shifted to trying to clear up the muddy waters and show independent companies that they have the most to gain if the Poage or Hill bill is passed.

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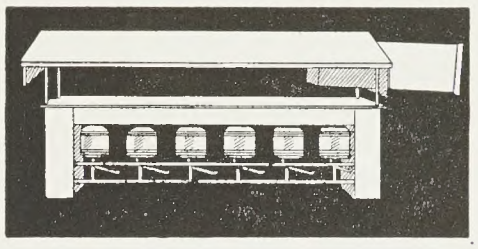

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The Why and How Of Capital Credits

By T. L. CLEARY

AT least four North Carolina rural electric co-ops are seriously considering adoption of the capital credits plan for determining each member's growing personal equity in the ownership of their co-op power systems, and many more are giving the matter some study this year.

More than one-third of the 956 co-op REA borrowers in the United States have already adopted this plan during the past three years. REA now reports 364 have put the plan into effect. In North Carolina, any of the 34 co-ops needs only to amend its by-laws in order to let its subscribers have the full benefit of the plan.

Adoption of the Capital Credits Plan by a co-op assures that each patron will receive full credit for the difference between what he pays for the co-op service and what the service actually costs. This overpayment is his personal subscription to the capital of the co-op and will eventually be returned to him. The plan eliminates any possible misunderstanding about who owns the co-op.

This is the way the plan works: At the end of the co-op bookkeeping year, when the books are balanced, if the expenses of the co-op that year have been less than the payments by patrons, the difference is automatically considered to be capital supplied by patrons and will be pro-rated among them in proportion to their payments for service. A statement of such capital credits for the year is sent to each patron.

The expenses of operating the power system include payment of interest on borrowed capital. But repayment of the borrower's capital is not an expense. Most businesses make no provision at all for retiring their capital. But in an REA-financed co-op, the loan capital originally supplied by the government has to be paid back to the government. And as it is paid back, it has to be replaced by capital supplied by the co-op patrons, who thereby build up their personal equities in the ownership of the co-op.

In years when expenses for co-op service equal or exceed the payments by patrons, no capital credits are recorded since no capital was provided. However, since each year brings a separate transaction, capital credits recorded in the names of individual patrons on previous years are not reduced in years when the books end in red ink.

Under the usual REA co-op by-laws, the co-op is required to set up some undivided reserves before determining each patron's individual part of the overpayments or excess receipts. No such individual reserves are needed under the capital credits plan because all excess receipts are capital which the co-op may use for any legitimate purpose.

When a co-op becomes financially able, it can begin to retire—dollar for dollar—the capital supplied by patrons. Retirement will usually be made in the same order in which the capital contributions were made, all of the contributions made the first year being paid off first, then all those in the second year, and so on.

The capital credits plan applies particularly to rural electric co-ops because they differ from many other co-ops in the amount of capital needed and the source from which it comes. In most other types of co-ops, initial capital is supplied by members directly with only small, if any, loans from outside. They can start small and grow larger as their financial sinews strengthen.

A rural electric co-op cannot grow slowly. Each section must spring into being just about full grown to provide even minimum farm power service. The first capital investment, therefore, is heavy.

Such heavy capital investments in rural areas have been possible chiefly because the government has been willing to advance the money. Instead of all rural people in a community waiting and saving over a period of 20 or 30 years in order to get enough capital to start building lines, they can borrow the needed funds. That way, they get service for themselves as well as for their grandchildren. In the meantime, they are replacing the borrowed capital with their own.

Eventually these rural systems can be largely free from outside debt, just as if these rural people had saved for 30 years before getting service. But under this plan, which Capital Credits helps to strengthen, service is also secured for what could have been decades of waiting for the ability to secure electric power.

Crediting of overpayments as capital, of course, is made for all patrons, including non-members if there are any.

UNCLE NAT SAYS

Reckon there's not much that most of us think less of than puns. Some feller said that the pun is the lowest form of humor. Then another feller says it's the lowest form of humor you don't think of first. I kinda agree with the first feller.

Ran across a pun the other day though that said a lot more than the feller who said it. Went something like, "About the time we learn to make the most of things, the most of things are gone."

'Pears to me there's a powerful lot of truth in that. Take my grandchildren now. They keep asking me, "When will we be grown up, Gramps?" Minds me of the feller who said that youth is such a wonderful thing that it's a shame to waste it on the young."

But we grown-ups are just as bad. We keep a-slavin away for something. The next thing we know we got it. Then we forget about it and start looking around for something else to slave away at.

Take a newspaper story I read two-three days ago. Seems as how a rural electric system had been trying for years to get enough people to an annual meeting to decide what to do. Here were a couple thousand members who had fought for electricity, celebrated when they got it and now are too dad-blamed busy to make the most of it.

One of these days there is going to be another story in that paper. The electric service is in danger of getting worse and worse. Then members are going to sell out and the electricity is going to get more and more expensive.

Then everybody will start slaving away to do something about it. Hard way of doing things, 'pears to me.

Preventing Livestock Losses

By L. H. LEWIS

BRUISES, injuries, cripples and death losses do not just happen, they are caused — one-fourth from deaths and cripples, and three-fourths from bruises and injuries.

These losses happen (1) on the farm, (2) in transit, (3) at public markets, and (4) to some extent in slaughtering plants. They are caused from innumerable things and conditions: (1) Defective shipping equipment (trucks and cars), broken boards, protruding nails and bolts, holes in floor, non-installed bullboards in car, etc. (2) Poor bedding (there is only one good bedding and that is three or four inches of sand). (3) Clubs. (4) Sharp corners. (5) Prod-poles. (6) Unnecessary obstructions in feed lots and/or yards (old machinery, wire and other metal objects). (7) Slippery footing. (8) Rushed loading. (9) Over-crowding. (10) Loss of temper. (11) Sharp horns in cattle or sharp tusks in hogs. (12) Internal injuries caused from wire, feed clips, etc. (13) Diseases such as TB, Bangs, Cholera, Blackleg, Anthrax, etc. (14) Poor feed conditions due to lack of mineral and/or protein and proper balanced diet—resulting in emaciation, reduced calf, pig or lamb crop, and often in death prior, during, and after shipments. (15) Shipping-colds or shipping-fever are caused by insanitation accompanied by over-fatigue, over-exposure, over-crowding, and over-filling. (The use of baking soda, 1 oz. per 100 lbs. live weight, or 10 lbs. per 100 gallons of water will do much to save trouble from colds and pneumonia in cattle after being shipped.) (16) Insanitation leads to diseases as well as increases the number and species of worms in cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry, causing losses of thousands of livers, kidneys, casings, etc.; and external parasites such as lice costing thousands of dollars in feed costs during the winter and/or resulting ultimately in poor calf and pig crops. (17) Lack of good equipment on the farm including good corrals (sufficient number of loading and unloading pens and/or chutes, etc. (18) Lack of shade and water in shipping facilities and/or near corrals.

According to information obtained from the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board, the U. S. loss to livestock or total amount of meat wasted in marketing livestock for year 1947 was 176,019,450 lbs. valued at $80,365,500, which is enough meat to supply a city of 1,200,000 people for one year. The following table shows summary of these estimated wastes after deducting the salvage on all livestock marketed in the U. S. A., year 1947:

Sources of Loss	Pounds Meat Wasted	Wholesale Value Meat Wasted
Deads and cripples	20,000,000	$ 6,000,000
Bruising	49,456,000	18,937,000
Ante-Mortem Inspection	2,648,600	794,500
Post-Mortem Inspection	68,847,800	20,654,000
Parts of Carcasses Condemned for Diseases	7,300,000	2,190,000
Cattle Livers Condemned	15,457,050	4,640,000
Calf Livers Condemned	300,000	150,000
Grubs	12,000,000	7,000,000
Cattle and Calf Hides	———	20,000,000
Total all losses not including winter losses	176,019,450 lbs.	$80,365,500

As to Florida, it is estimated that of the $25,000,000 received from the sale of cattle and calves and hides and about $24,000,000 from hogs and pigs, there is an annual loss of $375,000 from improper branding of cattle and calves ($1.50 per head), and about $400,000 from bruises, injuries, cripples, etc. to cattle; and approximately $600,000 loss from all market sources to hogs and pigs. These losses do not include loss from poor feeding, management, etc. The estimated calf crop is around 65 per cent when 80 per cent or more should be the rule, and the estimated pigs saved is about 62 per cent when it should be more. These are sufficient losses to justify an active Florida Livestock Loss Committee, composed of all persons interested in helping to eliminate these; and every person, whether producer, buyer, shipper, auction market manager, packer, etc., who handles livestock should be interested in this program. It is therefore suggested:

(1) When making or preparing for shipment (a) notify the transportation company as far in advance as possible of the number of cars or other equipment, their destination, the kind of animals that will be shipped, etc., specifying as nearly as possible the type and size of equipment needed, (b) stating that the company is to furnish cleaned, disinfected, properly bedded, good equipment. In order to bring about the right kind of loading, the car should be loaded shortly before the hour of departure, at the same time have sufficient time to check each car loaded; do not over-load. (c) One should not feed over 50 per cent of a full feed within 12 hours before making a shipment.

(2) When receiving livestock, one should be on hand to do something about the shipment at once—that is, see that the animals are unloaded, fed and watered or moved to their final destination; give the animals an opportunity to eat hay two to four hours before water is given; and do not let animals overdrink at this time. If animals have colds or any indications of colds they should be treated; all livestock going to the farm should be treated and/or inoculated against disease as well as possibly dipped to control external parasites and be found free of same before being placed with the remainder of the herd. It is further suggested that Market Managers handling stocker and feeder livestock should thoroughly clean and disinfect their pens at least once each month; and that transportation companies would do well to permit free transportation for one attendant for each car exhibit of purebred livestock and/or one attendant for three to five cars of stocker or feeder cattle, etc.

(3) It is further suggested that all persons interested in helping to eliminate livestock losses, help disseminate any information — which would have a tendency to reduce such losses—such as placards at different public places, folders in principal livestock letters, meetings of different kinds, encourage rewarding all careful truckers for faithful services in reducing losses, and such other means as would help to bring about an improved condition in this respect.

Parties desiring details of how losses occur and ways of preventing them (from a national standpoint) should write to Dr. H. R. Smith, General Manager, National Livestock Loss Prevention Board, Livestock Exchange Bldg., Chicago, Ill., for the 1947 report, "Conserving Meat in Marketing Livestock." The above report is free.

Will you help prevent these losses?

State REA Association Meets

New Officers Elected

By Bob Menzies

AT a busy quarterly meeting of the N. C. Rural Electric Cooperative Association held at Carolina Beach May 24 and 25, managers, assistant managers and directors from among the 30 electric co-ops in the state elected new officers, heard State REA Chairman Gwyn B. Price describe the bitter but successful fight REA waged in this year's legislature, voted to have a REA exhibit at the State Fair this fall, and looked over the new wrinkles among the wares of suppliers of electrical equipment and materials.

Tracing the history of the recent legislature struggle, Chairman Price said the question of taxation of co-ops had come up in the session of legislature two years ago. At that time a committee was appointed to make a two-year study of the matter. The woes of REA came when a utility company official sought an amendment of the REA bill. This amendment, all but passed, had to do with the familiar "Certificate of Convenience and Necessity," and it would have been a tremendous blow to REA in the state. Only concerted action on the part of REA officials and friendly legislators staved off this threat.

"This legislative fight was as dangerous as anything I've seen in the 14 years of REA history," commented Allyn A. Walters of Washington, head of REA's press and radio division.

Chairman Price explained that taxation of REA units in the state will remain virtually the same as previously, similar to any other subdivision of the government, with the same requirements and exemptions. REA is now classed as a semi-public institution, he said.

In his main address during the convention, Mr. Price said the four great needs of rural people are good roads, better schools, rural electrification, and communications. He reminded his listeners that the best real estate, the best timber resources yet untapped, the best soil—not yet eroded or overworked—lies in the "back country" where REA's lines go.

"There are few cities or towns in the state that would not fold up overnight," he declared, "if they were fenced and could not do business with the rural areas surrounding them."

He urged adoption of the Capital Credits Plan as a means of making REA units conform to the requirements of other co-operatives which have provisions for repayment to members. He also advocated that managers and directors guard against making new rules that do not conform to their by-laws, and he recommended that all co-ops join the Farm

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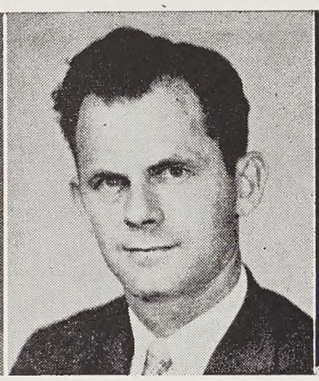
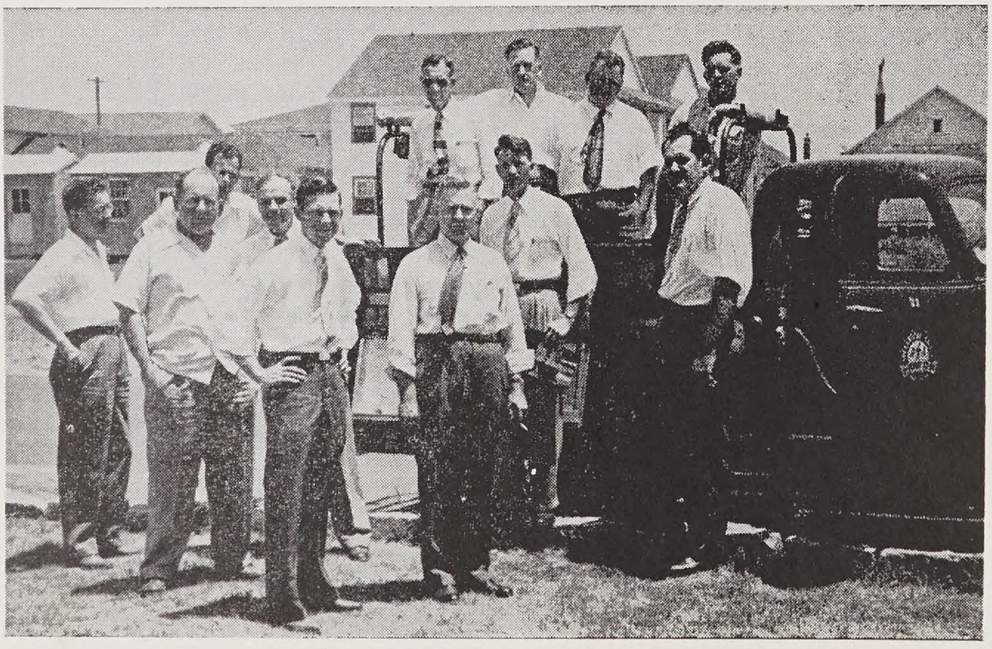
New Officers

Alton P. Wall, Secretary

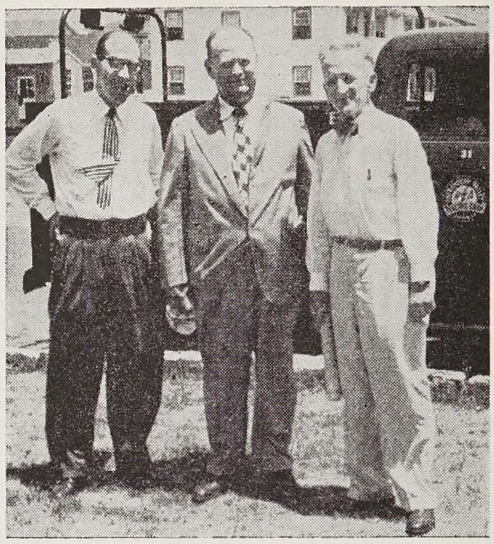


H. H. McKinney, Pres.

R. E. Hayworth, Vice-Pres.



Several REA managers find time to inspect the display of the all-aluminum service body provided by the Thompson Trailer Corporation of Alexandria, Virginia. Shown left to right are C. E. Viverette, Lenoir; W. W. Bullock, Belhaven; Hayward H. McKinney, Wadesboro; R. S. Burrus, Dobson; L. P. Beverage, Burgaw; R. E. Hayworth, Monroe; Mr. Tripp, Assistant Manager, Shallotte; Alton Wall, Asheboro. (Standing in truck) Elmer Allred, Coordinator, Lenoir; Ben Washam, Cornelius; R. C. Sheffield, Waynesville; and Lee Hatley, Morganton.



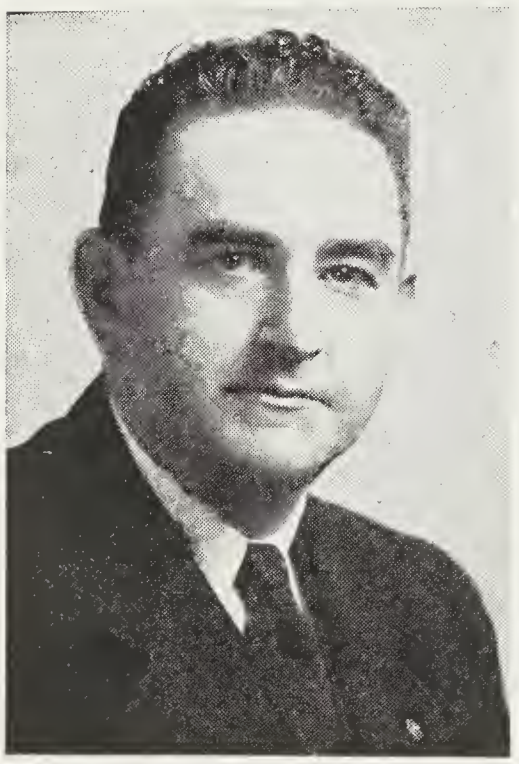
The retiring president of NCRECA, Mr. F. E. Joyner (center), gains valuable engineering advice from Mr. Avery R. Colburn, REA, Washington (right), and Mr. Vannort, head of the popular Vannort Construction Company of Charlotte, N. C.

All Roads Lead to Asheboro on July 2nd

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation's Eleventh Annual Meeting Promises To Be the "Biggest and Best" Yet, With Governor Kerr Scott as Main Speaker

THERE will be important business, fine speaking, a long list of prizes, exhibits of appliances and farm equipment, and a lot more entertainment features than ever before at this year's Annual Meeting on July 2.

A couple dozen appliance and farm equipment dealers from Asheboro and



GOV. W. KERR SCOTT, who is to make the main address at this year's Annual Meeting.

elsewhere will again go to considerable trouble and expense providing beautiful displays for the meeting. Be sure to take a good look while you are there.

It's your duty and your privilege to be on hand for the meeting. So be sure to come, and bring along your family and neighbors.

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation
ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM
July 2, 1949

8:30 Registration

9:45 Meeting called to order—C. E. Macon, President
- (a) Song: America—Members
- (b) Invocation—J. A. Price

10:00 Welcome to Asheboro—J. Frank McCrary, Mayor

10:15 Business
- (a) Check Attendance
- (b) Reading Notice of Meeting and Proof of Mailing
- (c) Reading Minutes of Last Meeting
- (d) Report of Nominating Committee
- (e) Election of Directors

11:00 Address—Gov. Kerr Scott

11:45 Recognition of New Directors

12:00 Open Forum on Capital Credits

12:15 Manager's Report
Presentation of Prizes

12.30 Adjournment
Visit Displays

2:00 Parade

ASHEBORO HIGH SCHOOL where Annual Meeting will be held.

1939-1949

These dates represent the decade of Randolph E.M.C.'s history. There have been some tough problems, but there have been some wonderful accomplishments.

By **ROBERT MENZIES**
Special Events Editor

Figures on Randolph E.M.C. today are impressive. It has over 4,500 members, 1,240 miles of line, 33 employees, and operates 11 trucks. It would take half again the $2,100,500 (including a pending loan) borrowed from Uncle Sam to date to replace property the co-op owns.

E. E. Carns, REA man from Washington, assisted by A. B. Ellis, who has long been a director, started the ball rolling for REMCO late in 1938. Carns and Ellis held meetings and distributed literature and applications throughout Randolph county, making good use of the AAA organization that E. S. Millsaps, County Agent, had set up. At the same time, the energetic Carns was working up other REA units operating alternately out of Mocksville, Lexington and Hillsboro.

REMCO's first snag came in getting a certificate of incorporation in Raleigh. But through the skillful efforts of Waldo C. Cheek, who has served as REMCO's attorney all but one year of its history, this was finally accomplished. At the first meeting of the board of directors on the night of January 30, 1939, Walter Parks was made President, C. E. Macon, Vice-President and Zell Brown, Secretary-Treasurer. The other original directors included T. L. York, D. R. Graves, A. B. Ellis, J. T. Powers, G. C. Crauford and F. P. Stout.

Heavy pressure from private power companies, seemingly impossible problems of securing rights-of-way, and grief and trouble with the first contract let—these were some of the thorny obstacles that first year. Once, when scores of miles of line had been built in northwest Randolph, three parties who refused to have their lands crossed held up the work for 90 days. But again the efficient Attorney Cheek turned the trick.

In those early days the directors met in Attorney Cheek's office, over the First National Bank, in the Courthouse or elsewhere. Secretary-Treasurer Brown would sign up members, collect fees and issue receipts at his Asheboro service station. But after some months, Rufus L. Routh, then Randolph Clerk of Court, erected a building on East Salisbury Street. Half of the building housed a grocery store, while the other half became, and for the next eight years remained, headquarters for REMCO.

In February of that first year the directors chose Mrs. George Ward as bookkeeper at $75 month, purchased a $75 typewriter and the first of the 19 trucks the co-op has had by now, a half-ton Chevrolet. A month later J. T. Mason became Manager, while directors continued to struggle over purchases of endless materials — anchors, arrestors, poles, transformers, and the rest. B. O. Vannort, originally from Maryland but now of Charlotte, has served as REMCO's construction engineer from the first. Harry Bryant was the co-op's first lineman, Alton Cox first meter reader.

At the first Annual Meeting, held September 27 after a quorum had failed to show up on July 20, it was decided to extend service to Alamance County as well as the four other counties originally included, Randolph, Moore, Montgomery and Chatham.

An extensive REA Farm Equipment Tour exhibition was held in April, 1940, on the farm of J. W. Arnold near Farmer. That month Cecil Viverette, native of Rocky Mount and N. C. State graduate, succeeded J. T. Mason as Manager, at a salary of $150 a month, and Eli Seawell was made Coordinator.

Directors had a jolt at a called meeting on June 17, 1940. Frank Peebles, REA Regional Supervisor from Washington, told them of a plan, already set up and approved in Washington, for Randolph E.M.C. to purchase the assets of the Davidson and Davie electric membership units. But when the proposal was put to a vote it was defeated by a 7 to 1 margin.

At the second Annual Meeting, held November 9 that year, R. H. Upchurch became a director and has remained on the board ever since. Following the resignation of Walter Parks on March 11, 1941, C. E. Macon became President of the board and T. L. York, Vice-president. Both men have retained these offices up to the present.

Things got rugged during the war years. "Rock" Irvine, present Line Superintendent with 25 men under him, and Starling Helm were the only "outside" men. Decent help wasn't to be had. The climax came in February, 1943, when a devastating sleet storm struck one Thursday. Ice on wires looked like popsicles. Three-fourths of the lines were out of service. By nightfall Friday Irvine and Helm were further behind than ever. But somehow, helped by many members on the lines, they cleared away about 1,000 fallen trees and had service restored by noon Sunday.

Distinguished speakers were heard at succeeding Annual Meetings — Governor Broughton in 1944, Lt. Governor Ballentine (now Commissioner of Agriculture) in 1945, REA Division Head William H. Grove in 1946, Congressman Cooley in 1947, and Dr. I. G. Grier in 1948. At the 1947 meeting members ratified the directors' action in raising the total amount the

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REMCO's Manager Wall is shown here with his office staff. Front row, from left, they are McDonald King, Office Manager; Ruth Harrill, Manager's Secretary; Ella Dodson, Bookkeeper; Mary E. Jernigan, Records Clerk; and Sara Brower, Cashier and Receptionist. General Manager Alton Wall is shown on the left in the rear and beside him is Quinton Hussey, Electrical Adviser, Virginia Presnell Ayers, Billing Clerk, was absent when the photo was made.

VITAL MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THIS ANNUAL MEETING

Manager Alton Wall Tells of Considerations Affecting Every Member of the Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, To Be Taken Up at the Annual Meeting This Year.

Matters of great importance, affecting every member of the Randolph E.M.C., will be taken up at the Annual Meeting this year, Manager Alton P. Wall has announced.

Among the most important points of business to be taken up at the meeting, the Manager said, is to decide upon a proposal to adopt the Capital Credit Plan.

"Under this plan," Mr. Wall explained, "each member will receive a card showing the amount of capital he has subscribed to the co-op in excess of the actual cost of electric service he has received.

"This does not mean that members will receive a cash refund immediately but that they will be credited with this amount on the books of the corporation. The Capital Credit system is the best method yet devised to let each member know his exact equity in the cooperative. For it must be remembered that although the co-op is mortgaged to the hilt, it is a going concern and it belongs to the members."

In order to adopt this plan it will be necessary to amend the by-laws of the corporation, the Manager explained. He pointed out that the by-laws state: "Any retirement of capital shall be made in order of priority according to the year in which the capital was furnished and credited, the capital first received by the corporation being first retired. (That is, Capital Credits for 1939, subscribed by the first members, would be retired first.) In no event, however, may such capital be retired unless, after the proposed retirement, the capital of the corporation shall equal at least forty percentum (40%) of the total assets of the corporation."

The management of REMCO stands ready to cooperate in any possible way in securing more rural telephones, Manager Wall said. This can be accomplished through forming telephone co-ops or through private telephone companies. But in the event private companies make the installations, he pointed out, REMCO will do all it can to see that the service is rendered to all people in any given area, so that no one would be left out.

"We are making a complete survey of the area to make sure that no rural resident who wants electricity and whom we can serve is left off the lines," the Manager asserted. "We are also working toward a better coordinated system so we can constantly improve our service. We will spend several thousand dollars to provide the latest equipment, including oil circuit breakers, many sectionalizers—oil switches to find trouble quickly—and voltage regulators.

"And we will do anything else we can to help us reach our goal of raising the living standard of our rural membership to the highest possible point."

Explaining future plans for REMCO, Manager Wall referred to a chart of loans made to the corporation to date. (The chart is shown below). He pointed out that the $379,000 loan now pending will provide electric service to about 400 new consumers as well as take care of system improvements. If all goes as planned, he said, REMCO should reach its "ultimate capacity" by the latter part of 1952 with approximately 6,250 members. From that point on the expansion of the co-op's lines will be in step with the population increase of the area.

RANDOLPH ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION LOANS

Outstanding Note	*Dated*	*Principal Amount*	*Installments*	*Final Payment Date in Note*
First	Feb. 1, 1939	$ 300,000	Monthly	Feb. 1, 1964
Second	Oct. 15, 1940	204,000	Monthly	Oct. 15, 1965
Third	June 15, 1943	10,000	Monthly	June 15, 1968
Fourth	March 20, 1944	25,000	Monthly	March 20, 1969
Fifth	July 20, 1944	60,000	Monthly	July 20, 1969
Sixth	June 15, 1945	85,000	Quarterly	June 15, 1980
Seventh	July 6, 1945	149,000	Quarterly	July 6, 1980
Eighth	June 5, 1946	414,500	Quarterly	June 5, 1981
Ninth	January 30, 1947	40,000	Quarterly	Jan. 30, 1982
Tenth	February 7, 1948	300,000	Quarterly	Feb. 7, 1983
Eleventh	Nov. 8, 1948	134,000	Quarterly	Nov. 8, 1983
Twelfth	(Now Pending)	379,000	Quarterly	----------
		$2,100,500		

Line Crew bosses shown here are, left to right, S. G. Helm, Line Foreman; R. E. Millikan, Line Foreman; J. E. ("Rock") Irvine, Line Superintendent; Henry Pugh, Right-of-Way Foreman; and Walter Brown, Line Foreman.

REMCO's line crew of 28 and 11 trucks are shown in this group picture. Left to right the men are Ira Millikan, Colon Auman, Engineer; Arvo Tanner, Service Man; Neely Gray, J. E. Irvine, Line Superintendent; Calvin White, S. G. Helm, Line Foreman; John Glass, Newby Harris, Ruth Panky, Herbert Russell, Robert Crow, Lester Russell, Bill Pugh, Earl Dorsett, Hugh Hancock, Glenn Sanders, Arthur Nelson, Stedman Russell, Jack Sherron, Jack Pugh, Tommy Hughes, Paul Robbins, R. E. Millikan, Line Foreman; O. W. Ray Russell, Walter Brown, Line Foreman; John Vestal, and Henry Pugh, Right-of-Way Foreman.

Facts About REMCO's Territory

Figures for 1940 on the population of Randolph County shed some interesting light on the type of territory served by Randolph E.M.C., for they are pretty typical of the entire five-county area REMCO serves.

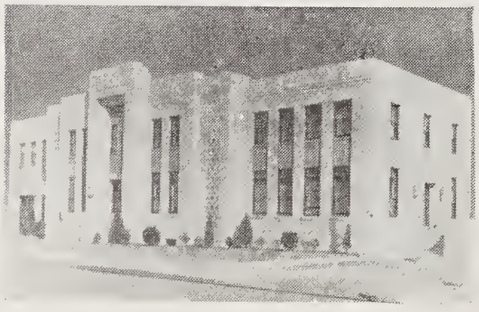
In 1940 only 15.7 per cent of the 44,550 in Randolph lived in towns, while 49.8 per cent were classed as "rural farm" people, while 34.5 per cent were "rural non-farm" people. This indicates that hundreds of REMCO members live in the country but work in the industrial plants in Asheboro, Carthage, Siler City, Troy and many other communities.

The result is a strong link between the area our co-op serves and Asheboro, the headquarters city. Asheboro, named for Governor Samuel Ashe, has some interesting distinctions. It is at the geographical center of North Carolina, and it has come to be known as a place that doubles its population (at present 10,200) every decade.

Another interesting fact, according to Harry Barlow, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Asheboro, is that this neat little city has more people working there than there are residents within the city limits. He explains this by pointing out that the 70 or more diversified industrial plants in the city alone employ 8,200 people, some of whom drive in from as far as away as High Point.

Asheboro also has come to be known for its many fine homes and the attractiveness of its more than 100 retail stores. Evidence of the progressiveness and prosperity of the city is also exemplified in the trim, modern designs of its industrial plants, its beautiful schools, churches and public buildings.

Typical of the entire area, too, is the fact that in addition to Asheboro, Randolph has numerous other towns, including Randleman, Ramseur, Trinity (original site of Trinity College, forerunner of Duke University now in Durham), Franklinville, Coleridge, Cedar Falls, Seagrove, Worthville, Staley, Julian, Sophia and Archdale. In these places are found some 40 more industrial plants.



Asheboro's Trim City Hall

Latest figures available (1945) point out a diversified type of agriculture in Randolph that exemplifies the rich farming area served by REMCO in the five counties. Values of the 11 principal crops on the 3,631 farms in Randolph amounted to $5,124,430, and the average value of these farms was $4,478.

Other agricultural figures included 11,218 cattle (1944 figures), 6,639 milk cattle, 8,725 hogs, farm implements and machinery worth $702,669, while 51.4 per cent of the farms had electricity, 23.9 per cent had tractors and 15.6 per cent had trucks. Tobacco accounted for the largest amount of farm income with $2,179,000, and corn and hay ranked second and third. Of the county's 512,640 acres, 291,700 are in forests, and some 20 sawmills cut about 30,000,000 board feet of lumber annually.

Nurserymen find it possible now to control the blooming time of their flowers by the application of electric heat.

CITY OF ASHEBORO

"Center of the State"

NORTH CAROLINA

June 15, 1949

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE RANDOLPH ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION:

I have been advised by the management of your organization that you are planning to make your Eleventh Annual Meeting in Asheboro on July 2 an unusually fine one, with Governor Scott scheduled as main speaker, so I take this means of extending a cordial welcome from the City of Asheboro.

Many thoughtful people are agreed that one of North Carolina's greatest advantages lies in the fact that although her population is second only to Texas among Southern states, she has no really large cities but, rather, has many small cities and towns, with a population distributed throughout the state. And despite the tremendous industrial development of North Carolina, the fact remains that our state is still predominantly agricultural.

For this reason, the splendid progress made by your organization, in extending hundreds of miles of electric lines through five counties, and in building up a membership of over 4,500, thus providing electric service in rural areas where none existed only a decade ago, is truly a significant accomplishment. For it is only as all such benefits as good schools, good roads, and electric service are provided for all of our people can the progress of our area and state be well-rounded and complete.

We people in Asheboro think we have one of the finest small cities to be found anywhere, with manufacturing plants to provide good payrolls, some of North Carolina's most attractive homes and stores, and all that's needed for comfortable living. We are glad, too, that the Randolph E. M. C. has its headquarters here, and that once a year your membership gathers in Asheboro. We wish for you a grand meeting, and hope that all of you will come and bring along your families and neighbors.

Cordially yours,

J. Frank McCrary

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Mayor

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corporation can borrow from $1,500,000 to $5,000,000.

Beginning in 1944 the directors repeatedly discussed plans for more adequate headquarters. A lot was purchased and an architect drew up plans. But priorities and other handicaps put the enterprise out of reach. On March 11, 1947, the directors contracted with W. C. Lucas to rent for two years, with an option of renewing for five years, space in the renovated building occupied by the Southern Goods Corporation and Radio Station WGWR. Southern Goods retained use of the ten-foot front showroom space and rent was fixed at $125 a month.

In April, 1948, Manager Viverette and Coordinator Elmer Allred resigned to take similar positions with the Blue Ridge E.M.C., which has headquarters in Lenior. Alton Wall was made Acting Manager of REMCO, and then when requirements were

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"REMCO"
RANDOLPH ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
245 East Salisbury Street
Asheboro, N. C.

Telephone 580

June 15, 1949

To all Randolph E.M.C. Members:

This is a cordial invitation to each of you to be on hand in Asheboro on Saturday, July 2, for our Eleventh Annual Meeting.

A glance at the complete program for the meeting this year, listed elsewhere in this issue of The Carolina Farmer, will make plain the fact a big day has been planned. Not only has Governor Scott been invited to make the main speech, but there will be more complete exhibits than ever of appliances and equipment, with numerous prizes and a number of entertainment features.

But just as important is the fact that we have a number of vitally important matters of business to take up at the meeting. It can't be stressed too much that this is your co-op. All the fine progress we have made up to this point, in building up a membership of over 4500, has been accomplished through pulling together. We must continue to pull together and an important part of this lies in attending the Annual Meeting, in keeping informed on the business of our organization, and of taking an active part in the life of the co-op.

So plan to be in Asheboro on July 2, and to bring along your whole family and your neighbors.

Sincerely yours,
C. E. Macon
C. E. Macon, President
Randolph Electric Membership Corporation

THEY USE PLENTY OF "JUICE"

REMCO serves about a dozen industrial plants and the entire community of High Falls with electric power. But in searching for individual farm members of this co-op who make truly full use of electricity, the Carolina Farmer's representative found two outstanding examples.

First of these is the farm of J. L. Lawrence, located on Highway 705, about three miles southeast of Seagrove. Just look at this list of uses made of electricity on this farm, as reported by Mrs. Lawrence.

Refrigerator, washing machine, iron, radio, electric fan, hot plate, hay dryer (about the first in the section), freezer locker, milk cooler, water heater, hay hoist, and an electric fence. Mrs. Lawrence said the milk from the 27 thoroughbred Guernseys is sold wholesale to the Maple Grove Dairies in Asheboro.

The second place visited was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland B. Beeson, on Cox Road, Route 4, Asheboro. This energetic couple has made a model farm of their place, with a neat brick house with all manner of electrical appliances, and many more electrical devices in the big dairy barn. The Beesons have 26 Holstein cows and their farm has 280 acres, with some beautiful bottomland.

Here's a list of their uses of electricity: Refrigerator, range, percolator, fan, two radios, two electric irons, washing machine, two electric water heaters, electric sewing machine, an electrically-controlled oil heating system, vacuum cleaner, bathroom heater, two electric clocks, Myers water pump, milk cooler, emery wheel, chicken water warmer, and an electric brooder.

Needless to say, Mrs. Beeson's kitchen is very attractive. In addition to the house and barn, the home of Mr. Beeson's helper is also served with electricity. The Beesons have two children, Ruth, who finished at Asheboro High School this year, and Mary Ella, in the seventh grade this year.

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met and other applicants were interviewed, he was the choice of the directors as Manager. As an indication of the growth of REMCO, Viverette's salary had advanced from $150 a month to $375 a month during his eight years with the co-op. Other salaries advanced in proportion.

Under the direction of Manager Wall the corporation has made steady progress. The membership has increased from 3,583 to over 4,500. Efficiency has been increased greatly by adding General Electric radio

The electric washer eliminates much of washday's manual labor. It does away with scrub board, cutting washing time in half, and does better work.

service that provides office-to-truck, truck-to-office, and truck-to-truck communication. The latest addition to office equipment is a $3,000 machine that both bills and posts, and permits the operator to get out 900 bills a day.

Manager Wall and Board President Macon were leaders in forming the Eastern Carolina Generation and Transmission Cooperative earlier this year. The ECG&T co-op has the advantage of coming under the government's preferential clause, laid down by Congress as a directive to the Department of Interior and giving priority to government agencies and second priority to electric cooperatives and municipalities. Member REA units stretch to the North Carolina coast and REMCO is the westernmost unit.

Here's a model farm home on REMCO's lines that uses lots of electricity. It's the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Beeson, Route 4, Asheboro.

The Men Who Run Randolph E. M. C.

With an Annual Meeting, a time for taking stock, coming on, a few facts about the men who run REMCO are in order. All of them have a sincere desire to provide electric service at reasonable cost to rural people in the five counties served by your co-operative.

Alton P. Wall, your Manager, was born in Rural Hall, near Winston-Salem, but at the age of seven came to live in Randolph County. His father, C. W. Wall, did general farming with tobacco as the cash crop at his place about a mile west of Whitehall, but as time went on, he went in more and more for dairy cattle. As a boy Alton Wall was a member of Randolph County's first 4-H Calf Club. There were seven boys and one girl in the family. After graduating from Randleman High School, Alton Wall took a year at Wake Forest, but dropped out to return to the farm and give the others a chance at an education. (Shirley, a brother, is with Vestal's Men's Shop in Asheboro, while Hobart, youngest brother once employed by REMCO, is now with Winston Truck & Tractor Company, Winston-Salem.) From 1933 to 1938 Alton Wall farmed the homeplace, then in March, 1939, when REMCO was still largely on paper, he came with the co-op to do easement work. He was 28 then and he started at $4 a day.

"As the right-of-way easements would come in," he recalls, "I'd fit them to the map, then go out and get the ones that were needed for that section. It was always tough going to get these. I'd usually have to make a number of visits. Until the lines were electrified there were no such things as office hours for us. We worked until a job was finished. For a while there was a hodge-podge of completed lines we couldn't tie in with the source of power because we couldn't secure rights-of-ways."

He worked steadily for a year, then was put on part time. In June 1940, he was elevated from temporary easement work to groundman apprentice at $80 a month. On January 31, 1942, he secured a leave of absence and took a three-months course in electric distribution at N. C. State. He completed the course on May 15 and on May 18 enlisted as a buck private in the army. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in November that year and saw service in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He married Nelle Robbins, who grew up in Randleman, during the war, two hours after he had become a Second Lieutenant. His father died during the war. With the rank of First Lieutenant he returned to the States in May 1945, and after serving until December of that year at Fort Belvoir, Va., he returned to REMCO as an engineer.

His salary at the time was $175 a month, but as he was taking veteran on-the-job training, this upped his income to $200. Early in 1948 he became Assistant Manager at $250 a month. When Manager Viverette resigned, April 1, 1948, Alton Wall became first Acting Manager, then Manager. He serves as commander of the National Guard unit in Asheboro and is active in church and civic affairs.

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The nine men who make up the board of directors of REMCO are successful farmers, with business interests usually, who serve this corporation now worth over $2,000,000 for only $3 a meeting plus mileage.

C. E. Macon, President of Randolph E.M.C. Board of Directors, was born and lives in the Holly Springs community, some six miles from Ramseur. His father and grandfather lived there before him and his family has been identified with that community for about 100 years. Of staunch Quaker stock, Mr. Macon is Clerk and a long-time member of Holly Springs Friends Church.

"I make my bread and butter from farming," Mr. Macon says, but he has a number of other interests. He has been representing the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. and Farm Bureau Automobile Insurance Co. for more years than any other agents of these companies in the state; he is a director of the Bank of Coleridge at Ramseur; on the advisory board of the Randolph FCX; President of the Ramseur Mutual Burial Association. He goes in for diversified farming and makes full use of electricity on his place.

Mr. Macon was educated at the Shiloh School. He married Ada Cox, from the Holly Springs community—her home was only two miles away. They have one son, Burton, a farmer who in turn has two sons, Randolph, six and Lawrence, two.

T. L. York, Vice-President of REMCO's Board of Directors, lives in a trim brick house in a pleasant grove in Columbia Township, near Staley. He was born in the same section and attended Kildee School, where there were four months of school when he started, though this was increased to six months as his education continued. He married Elizabeth Holt, from the Mount Hope section, south of Greensboro, and they have two daughters, Edris, 16, and Linda, 13.

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has done all in his power to help others to get electric service. Every Wednesday a one-day "blitz" takes place on his farm. In only six or seven hours, the whole job of getting about 2,500 chickens ready for market, about 500 an hour, and including the preliminary work of getting ready and of cleaning up, takes place in a building behind his house.

Once all is ready, Mr. York and his eight or ten workers, mostly colored people, are as busy as bees. The oil-fired furnace, regulated by electricity, has plenty of hot water on hand. A workman takes a chicken from one of the high stack of coops, deftly kills it by slitting its throat. The chicken then goes into a vat of hot water. Then a worker holds this chicken against a revolving, electrically-driven drum from which extend thick, rigid bristles of rubber. These revolving spikes remove the feathers in a matter of seconds. The fowl is then passed on through a window where other workers, operating in assembly-line fashion, complete the job of cleaning, and the fowl winds up in a huge vat where it gets a final cleaning.

"I sell most of my output in Greensboro and Burlington," Mr. York said. "Right now prices are 'way down—cheap as dirt."

Mr. York, who lives in a neighborhood with nnmerous other people of the same name, is also a successful general farmer. He has all the major electric appliances in his home. He has long been a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Zell Brown, Secretary and Treasurer of REMCO's Board of Directors, attended school at Brower's Chapel, near the

place he was born, about three miles east of Asheboro on Highway 902. He also attended school at Franklinville, where D. M. Weatherly was his teacher, but he returned to Brower's and completed about seven grades.

From 1914 to 1917 he was a partner in the firm of Presnell and Brown, horse traders, in Asheboro. He then farmed until 1925 when he returned to Asheboro and sold Fords for five years. He was operating Central Service Station in Asheboro when REMCO came into existence and this place of business was an improvised office for the co-op for the first few months. He sold out this business in 1942 and since that time has been in the sawmill and lumber business.

He married Elizabeth Poole, from near Norman, Montgomery County, daughter of a well-known attorney, M. T. Poole. Mrs. Brown's mother was before her marriage Emma McCanley of Mt. Gilead. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have three children. Helen is now Mrs. Sam Coble of Asheboro, and has two children, Martha, three, and Sammy, eleven months. Emma Jean married Odell Jones and their children are Larry, six, Tommy, two and Cynthia, eight months. (This daughter and her family live near Mr. and Mrs. Brown on Highway 902.) Cecil, the Brown's only son, spent two years at Oak Ridge and is now completing a pre-dental course at the University of North Carolina, a year ahead of time for his age.

we covered every section of Randolph County, except the Trinity section and the Northwest portion where Duke already had lines. We visited all the consolidated schools, holding meetings, and took in the grocery stores and filling stations 'betwixt and between'."

In recent years Mr. Ellis has spent most of his time farming and doing Tripple-A and soil conservation work. He is Chairman of the Randolph County Soil Conservation, a member of the 100 Bushel Corn Grower's group, a member of the Bethany Methodist Church, and a past director of the Carolina AAA.

J. T. Powers, REMCO Director, might be said to be a "man of three counties." He was born in Moore, got married in Chatham, and lives in Randolph.

"I attended a little old country school, Purvis School," Mr. Powers remembers, "in Moore County. It had a big fireplace where they burned logs, and I sat on a slab in which had been bored holes to stick the legs in. There wasn't a glass window in the building and we only had two or three months of school. J. P. Phillips and Samuel Teague were my teachers there."

Mr. Powers also went to Fall Creek School, which had some of the qualities of a high school, and T. B. Bray was his teacher there. He wound up his studies at a high school in Mt. Olive.

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A. B. Ellis, REMCO Director, says he "left the plowhandles" to go to work for the co-op as its first Coordinator, helping E. E. Carns lay the groundwork. He was born and lives in Millboro and says he went to a school known as "Possum College."

"We had three months of school a year," he recalls, "and if we didn't burn too much wood during that time, maybe we'd have four months. It was one of those schools where everybody drank out of the same gourd. Miss June Fox was my first teacher. They finally moved the school into Millboro and changed it from a one-teacher to a two-teacher school. I took all they had to offer but it went only through about the Seventh Grade."

He married Allie Bean, who was by that time living in Randleman but who had been brought up in his section. They have six children, Harold, Richard, Billy, Frances, Margaret and Brenda. Harold and Richard are married but have no children. Frances is now Mrs. Keith Coward and is mother of two children, Wayne, four, and Wilma, eight months.

"I went with Carns on the very first day he went out to distribute REA literature and applications," Mr. Ellis said, "I worked three months, night and day, getting people signed up, without a cent of pay. The first pole on the whole system was set up on Charlie Bonkemeyer's place, off the road from Asheboro to Millboro. That's where Pole 66, Line One is now located. In my work with E. E. Carns,

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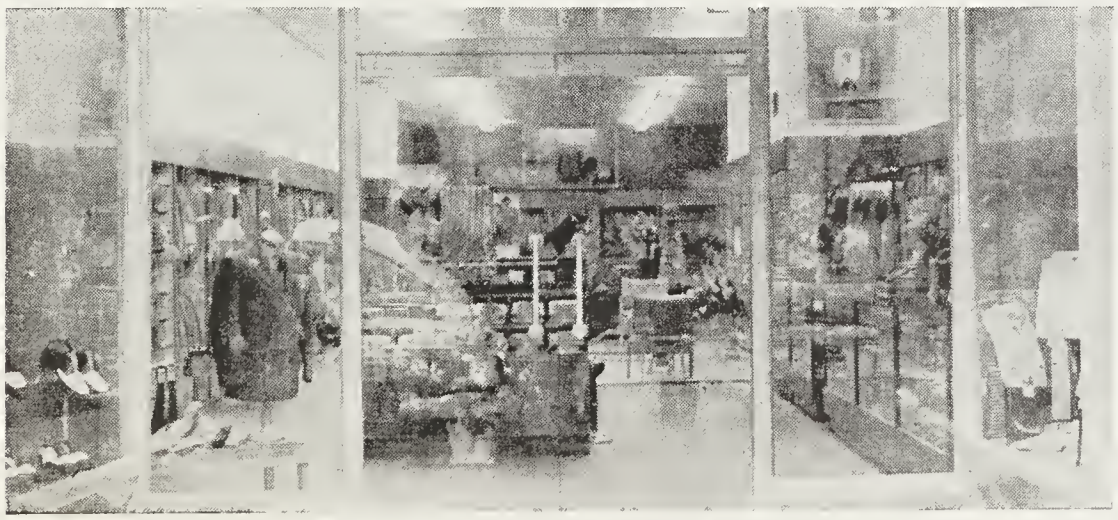

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"I've never done much but farm," he said. "One time I worked for a month at public work, helping dig a race for the High Falls Cotton Mill. That was in 1896 and I got 50 cents a day."

Mr. Powers married Marinda Cockman and three of their six children are living. Curtis, a son, is a successful farmer and poultry man who uses as much electricity as any individual on REMCO's lines, Mr. Powers believes. At times he handles 15,000 or 18,000 chicks at a clip. A daughter, Lily, married Ernest Purvis and lives in Greensboro, while another son, Avery lives in Coleridge but works in a mill at Franklinville.

A successful general farmer and poultry raiser, Mr. Powers has been clerk and Sunday school teacher at the Beulah Baptist Church in Pleasant Grove Township, Randolph County, since 1902. He practices what he preaches about electricity by having numerous appliances in his home.

G. C. Cranford, REMCO Director, like other members of the board, says opportunities for education were limited when he was a boy. He attended the Bonday School, in the section where he was born and still lives—near Farmer on Highway 49. Jim Way was the teacher he recalls best and there were only about three months of school a year in those days. He later attended school in Farmer and went through about the eighth or ninth grade. Martin Cranford, a cousin, now deceased, served for years on the faculty of Duke University.

"I've farmed just about all of my life, on my father's farm," Mr. Cranford said.

He married Ossie Kearns, who lived a couple of miles from his home but who attended the same school he went to. Their son, Martin, is a father himself by now and his son, Delbert, will be six in September and will start to school this year. Mr. and Mrs. Cranford have a daughter also, Emogene, now Mrs. Raymond Sink, who has one son, Carter, now about 18 months old.

D. R. Graves, REMCO Director and resident of Searove, was born about three-quarters of a mile from Seagrove. He attended school at Rock Springs, "an old log building where you could throw a cat through the cracks," he says. His first teacher there, he recalls, was Miss Jane Hancock, and school usually lasted about three months a year.

"I've farmed practically all of my life," Mr. Graves explained. "After my first marriage I sawmilled and hauled logs for about five years. And I've done some of that kind of work since, between farming seasons."

Mr. Graves first married Lida Moore, from his home section. Otis, the first child of this marriage, farms at the old home place and has six children. Philmore, another son of this marriage, operates a pottery at Seagrove and is married but has no children.

Mr. Grave's second wife was Della Leach of Montgomery County. Children of this marriage include Harwood, connected with the pottery in Seagrove and father of three children; Martha, who is now

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One of the men in the delegation said, "Well, it looks like we'd better go home and do some praying for that wire to get here."

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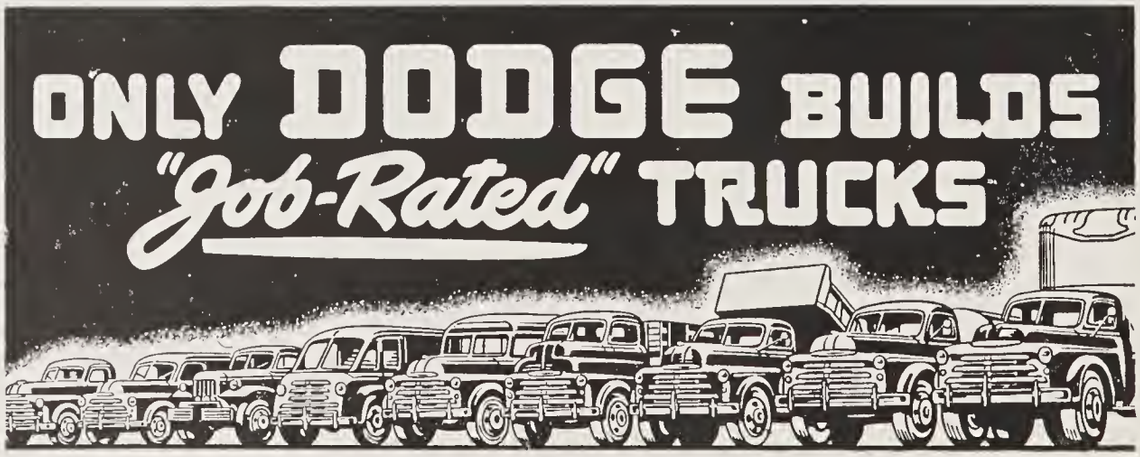

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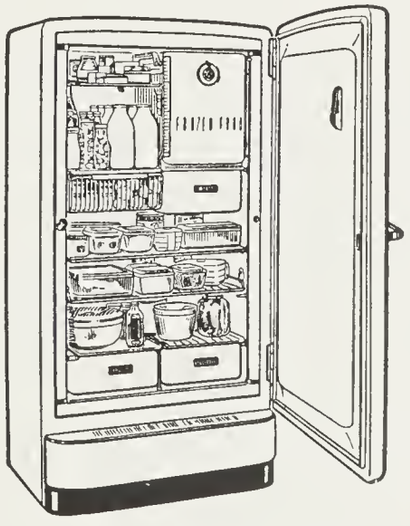
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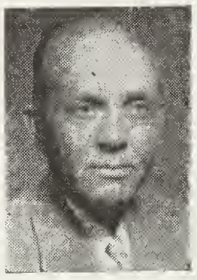
Mrs. Elija Lucas of Greensboro and mother of two children—her husband is connected with a bakery and she is a nurse—: and Della Mae, who married Clarence Cagel and has four children. In all Mr. Graves has 18 grandchildren.

Mr. Graves has been a Deacon at the Huldee Baptist Church for over 40 years. He is a successful general farmer and has numerous electrical appliances in his home.

J. H. Hargrove, REMCO Director, is a member of the board, having taken the place of Director F. P. Stout, who died in January. Mr. Hargrove lives on Route 2, Siler City. He was born about 7 miles north of Siler City, only about a half-mile from his present home. He attended Red Cross School, where Miss Flossie Lindley was the teacher best remembered.



Like most of the other directors, he has spent most of his life in farming. He married Freda Fox, from near Liberty. Hilda, their daughter, married Ralph Lindley and before tragedy came, when Hilda's husband lost his life in an accident, two children were born of this marriage, Diane, three and Ralph Lee, one.

R. H. Upchurch, REMCO Director, was born in the lower end of Chatham County but began making his home at High Falls at the age of three. His father William Upchurch, operated the gin at the Currie Cotton mills there.

Director Upchurch attended the High Falls School. He says only about six months of school was held there each year but that Mrs. T. N. Woody was a "mighty good" teacher. He married Lucy Kidd, who had been brought up in the High Falls section, and they have two children, Harold and Eva Mae. Harold, who works with his father in running a general store in High Falls, is married and has one boy, Larry, about seven months old. Mr. Upchurch has run his store in High Falls for some 20 years and is widely known in that section.

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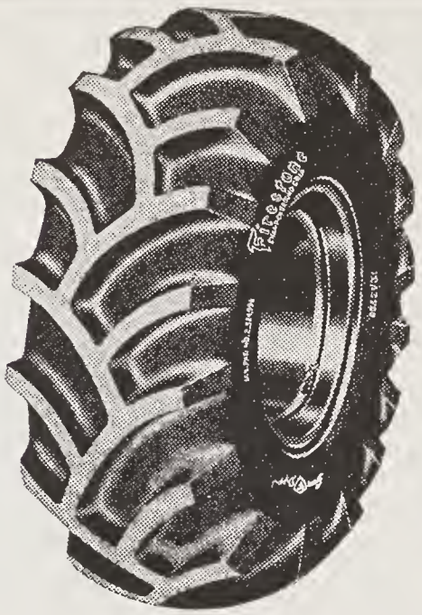

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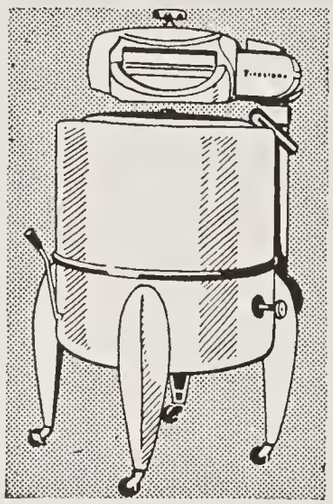

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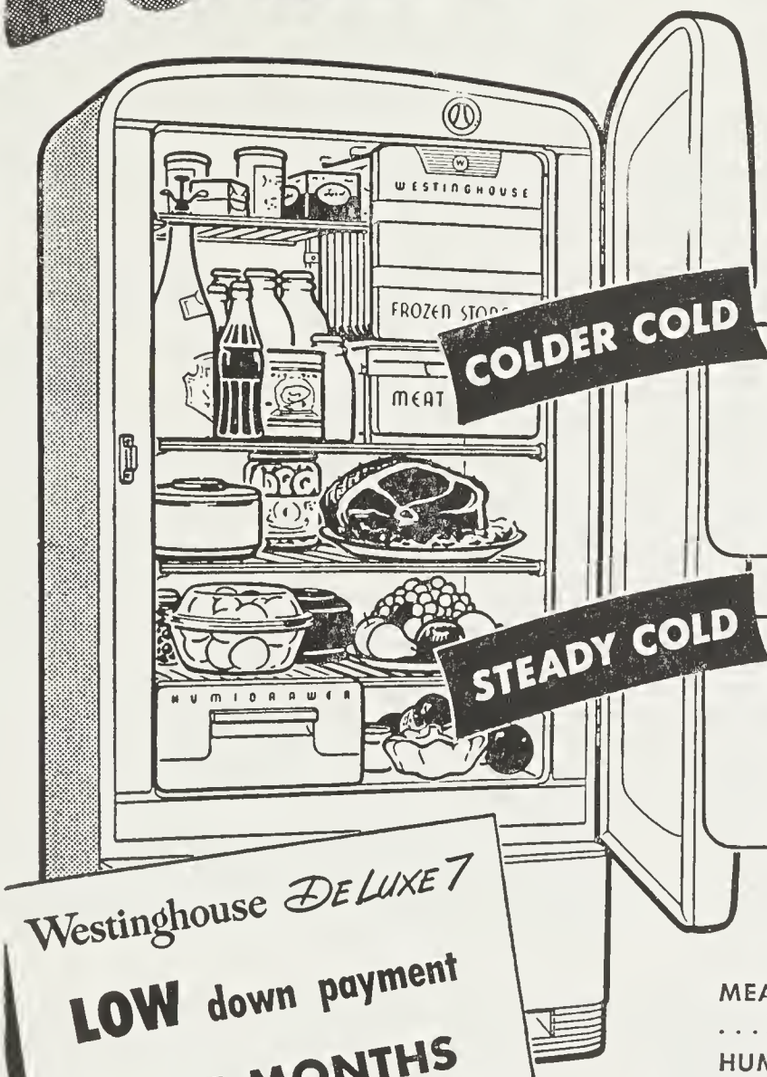

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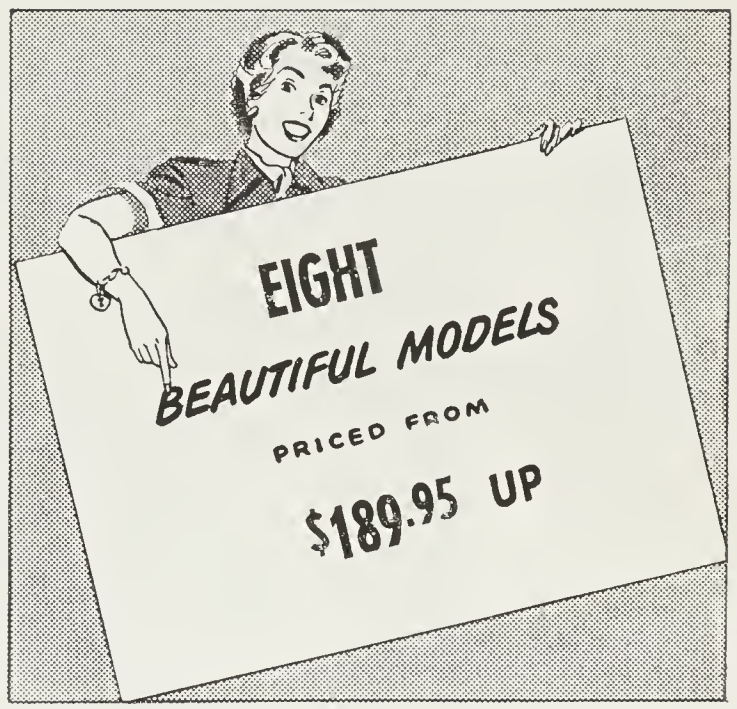

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By **MISS YORK KIKER,** ***Home Economist***

'Tante Marie's French Kitchen'

To most American housewives, the phrase "French Cooking" conjures up a frightening vision of temperamental chefs, exotic herbs, hard-to-get ingredients, endless labor and considerable expense. A new cookbook, "Tante Marie's French Kitchen," blasts that myth and lands French cooking right back where it belongs—and where it started—in the family kitchen.

Love of good food and an eagle eye on the family budget were the main factors that made French cooking world-famous. Charlotte Turgeon, mother of three and wife of a professor, was prompted by these same considerations to adopt cooking first as a hobby, then as a matter for serious study, and finally as the subject for a clear, practical guidebook for everyday fine food. She based "Tante Marie's French Kitchen" on a famous French book, long a household word, and known to Americans as the "Fanny Farmer of France."

Thoroughly adapted to American kitchens, "Tante Marie's" recipes call for no ingredients not easily available in this country, and the measurements are translated into standard American terms.

The basic secret of French family cooking's fame is the ability to use simple ingredients and transform them into subtle and delicious dishes. For instance, the dessert described below would, in a smart restaurant, be called "Profiteroles au chocolat." Don't let the name bother you—it's really just miniature cream puffs with chocolate sauce. An easy to-make-in-advance summer dessert—and with that special French touch.

Mrs. Charlotte Turgeon, author and translator of "Tante Marie's French Kitchen," follows directions for making puff paste.

CHOUX A LA CREME
(Say: shoe ala krem)
Is Simply Cream Puffs

1 cup water
½ cup butter
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
4 eggs

Bring water and butter to boil. Add flour, sugar, salt. Stir vigorously three minutes over low flame. Remove from fire and break in eggs one by one, beating hard each time to a smooth paste. Drop balls of paste (teaspoon for tiny puffs; tablespoon or more for large puffs) on greased, lightly floured cookie sheet. Bake in 375 degree oven 30 to 45 minutes. Puffs are a delicate brown and absolutely dry outside when done. Cool, and make tiny hole in bottom through which to fill puff, which will be hollow. Fill with ice cream, pastry custard, or

FROMAGE A LA CHANTILLY
(Say: fro-maj ala shan-tea-ye)
Just Sweet Whipped Cream

2 cups heavy cream
¾ cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon flavoring

Beat cream 'till thick but not stiff. Stir in sugar and flavoring—vanilla, coffee extract, or fruit juice. This keeps in the refrigerator.

To turn Cream Puffs into the fancy

PROFITEROLES AU CHOCOLAT
Say: pro-feet-ah-roll oh shook-o-lot)

Just start with small cream puffs made with a teaspoon or less dough. Fill with your choice of fillings mentioned. Put two or three in each dessert dish, and pour over them a thick chocolate sauce.

Parents will find that good lighting in the home will enable children to produce better results in school work.

Mrs. Turgeon shows her son one way to put cream puff dough on the cookie sheet. Dough may also be dropped by teaspoons for tiny puffs or by tablespoons for larger ones.

Cottage Cheese Entertains

Cottage cheese adds sparkling interest to entertaining family or friends because it looks so good and tastes so good. It is simple to use but if it's variety you crave, merely add a pinch of imagination, a twist of your spoon and behold—cottage cheese in a new role!

CHEESE BOWL

¾ cup sieved cottage cheese
¼ pound Roquefort cheese, sieved
1 tablespoon sour cream
Few drops Worcestershire sauce
Crackers
Fruit

Mixed cottage cheese, Roquefort cheese and sour cream just enough to blend. Add Worcestershire sauce to taste.

Serve in bowl. Pass crackers and fruit. Yield: 1 generous cup cheese, 6 servings.

EGG ASPIC

3 hard cooked eggs
¼ teaspoon prepared mustard
2 tablespoons sour cream
¼ cup sieved cottage cheese
Salt and pepper
Paprika
Lettuce
Tomato aspic salad
Watercress

Cut eggs in halves. Mash yolks with fork. Add sour cream and mix until smooth. Fold in cheese and mustard lightly until blended. Season with salt and pepper. Fill egg whites. Sprinkle with paprika. Chill. Place one egg half on small lettuce leaf. Garnish with cubes of aspic salad (or small wedges of tomato) and watercress. Serves six.

FLUFFY COTTAGE CHEESE

1 cup sieved cottage cheese
¼ cup sour cream
Salt and pepper

Mixed cheese and sour cream lightly together, just enough to blend. Season to taste. Yield: 1 generous cup.

DEVILED HAM CHEESE

1 cup sieved cottage cheese
¼ cup deviled ham

Mix together lightly. Yield: 1 generous cup.

CHILI CHEESE SPREAD

1 cup sieved cottage cheese
2 tablespoons chili sauce

Mix together lightly. Yield: 1 generous cup.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE

(A treat for fruit salads)

1 cup sieved cottage cheese
½ cup drained crushed pineapple

Mix together lightly. Yields: 1½ cups.

COTTAGE CHEESE APPLE PIE

1½ cups apples, sliced thin
¼ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg

Mrs. Turgeon takes finished cream puffs from the oven to cool ready for filling.

Pastry
½ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt
2 eggs, slightly beaten
½ cup cream and ¾ cup milk, scalded together.
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup cottage cheese

Combine apples, sugar, and spices. Pour into pastry lined pie tin. Bake in a hot oven (425 F.) 15 minutes. Meanwhile add sugar and salt to eggs, combine with hot milk and cream. Add vanilla and cottage cheese. Pour over apple mixture. Continue baking in a moderate oven (325 to 350 F.) 40 minutes, or until mixture sets and is a delicate brown.

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Pee Dee Co-op Celebrates Tenth Year of Progress

Ten successful years of brightening the lives of rural folks in seven counties will be observed on June 27th by Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation. It was 10 years ago on that date that the newly-organized co-op completed its first contract for power lines to the homes of its charter members.

Since that time the co-op has grown like Topsy. When it made its pioneer beginning, it had only 305 miles of power lines bringing electricity to 780 rural consumers. Today it has over 1400 miles of power lines serving 5100 rural consumers, and has plans for doing an even bigger job of rural electrification in the future.

"We feel pretty proud of what this co-op has done for its members and for the general community," said W. C. Hall, Vice-president of the board of directors. "It was set up back in 1939 by a group of us who already had spent too much of our lives without electricity. When we turned on the first lights in our homes and barns, it was as big a thrill as any of us had ever had.

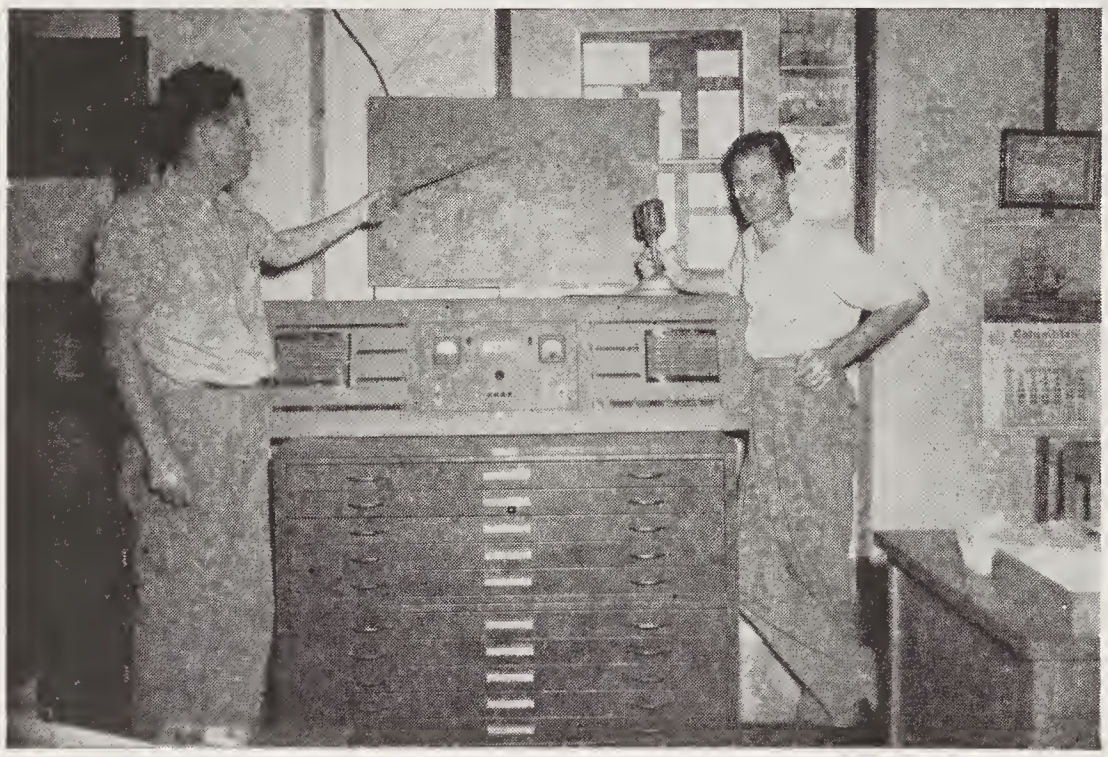
"At first electricity meant mostly good lights. Gradually, however, we've been finding additional jobs for it to do until today I suppose it is being put to a couple of hundred different uses up and down our power lines.

"Electricity has not only brought joy and comfort to all of us who now have it, thanks to our co-op, but also it's been good business for us. The electrified farms on our lines turned out more food during the war than they could have without electricity and they're making a worthy contribution now during these days of peacetime food problems. Furthermore, every farmer who has electricity is finding his work far more profitable than it was when he had to do so many things by hand.

"Our electric co-op has meant lots of new income for the business people in our towns, also. As near as we can figure, our co-op members spend around $4.50 for wiring, appliances, and various gadgets for every $1 invested by the co-op in bringing electricty to them. The volume of new local business arising from our co-op is a big help to the prosperity of our area."

The Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation was set up 10 years ago through the assistance of the Rural Electrification Administration. To date, the co-op has borrowed $1,850,000 from REA for setting up its power system. The loan is being paid back over a period of 35 years and bears an interest rate of 2%. So far the co-op has paid $103,836.78 in interest and has repaid $88,423.40 the loan.

Mr. Hall pointed out that the co-op is a corporation and is operated like any other local business, with the sole exception that its service is on a non-profit basis. The co-op has been a substantial tax-payer during its 10 years of life, having paid a total of $8,719.09 in taxes during these years. Of this amount, $5,171.79 went for State taxes, and $3,547.30 for Federal taxes.



Two-way radio, making it possible for the central office to maintain contact with the service men in the field at all times, is just another step in the progress of the Pee Dee Co-op. Shown are Mr. Farren H. Currie, Co-op Supervisor (left), and Mr. Heyward H. McKinney, Manager (right).

A milestone is passed in November, 1948, as Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curlee become the 4,000th member of the Pee Dee Co-op to be connected. Beaming with pleasure, they watch the installation that has brought many happy hours to their farm home.

The 5100 consumers who get their electricity from the co-op have the final say about its policies in that they meet once a year and elect their board of directors. The directors, in turn, appoint a manager who directly supervises its operations.

The co-op has made tremendous strides since its beginning back in 1939. One of the foremost goals of the organization has been to help in any way possible to bring progress, prosperity, and higher living conditions for its members. The chief way that the co-op is able to help make such changes is by providing electric service to remove the drudgery of farm work as well as provide for home appliances that are more of the luxury type.

There have been constant efforts by those responsible to provide good, dependable, economical service. A reduction was made in the rates back in 1946; and in spite of the fact that all operational costs have gradually increased, the co-op has managed to hold to the cheaper rate.

Now in the process of construction are a headquarters building in Wadesboro and a branch office building in Rockingham. Two-way radio communication sets have been installed on all trucks in order to give faster and more efficient service. System improvements have been made that have provided more substations, more and heavier feeder lines, thus insuring good voltage conditions for a long time to come. An automatic billing machine and an addressograph machine help the office force efficiently discharge their duties, and construction crews are equally well equipped to carry on large scale operations. It's quite different from the orginal 780 members, 305 miles of line, 2 typewriters and one truck; but even though much progress has been made, the co-op and its board

of directors feel that the job is not complete until every home in the area it serves has access to electricity.

The recent history of rural electrification in North Carolina has been one of consistent progress, declared Mr. Hall. In 1935 when the REA first began making loans for rural electrification, only about 5% of the farms in the area served by the co-op had power line electricity. Today, approximately 85% of the farms in the area have power line elecricity and the rural electrificatiou program is moving forward toward its eventual goal of helping all farmers and other rural residents to get elecricity.

State REA Association Meets

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Council and cooperate fully with existing farm organizations in their areas.

In the election of officers Heyward H. McKinney of Wadesboro, manager of the Pee Dee E.M.C., was elected president, succeeding F. P. Joyner of Hillsboro, manager of the Piedmont E.M.C. R. E. Hayworth of Monroe, manager of the Union E.M.C., succeeded Robert S. Burrus of Dobson, manager of the Surry-Yadkin E.M.C., as vice-president. The new secretary-treasurer is Alton P. Wall of Asheboro, manager of the Randolph E.M.C. Clayton Moretz of Sanford, manager of the Central E.M.C., held this office previously. The term of office is one year.

Public relations was a subject given considerable consideration at the meeting. A large display prepared by Allyn A. Walters brought out these points: "Co-Op members and the public have the right to know the facts." "Next to poor management, the chief cause of failure among Co-Ops is an uninformed membership." It listed displays, exhibits, charts and photographs as some of the Visual Presentation method to use; radio scripts, speeches and other examples of The Spoken Word; and under the heading of The Printed Word, it mentioned such mediums as newsletters, newspapers, magazines, booklets and news releases.

The Carolina Farmer, as REA's official publication in the state, received a few bouquets. Press and Radio expert Walters termed it the best state publication REA has in the entire country, though it has room for improvement, he said. Heyward McKinney, the association's new president, in his report as chairman of the public relations committee, said managers should not only accept invitations to speak before civic clubs about REA but should seek such opportunities. In the general discussion on the subject it was agreed that the best possible salesmen of REA to the public are the members.

Among the brief talks made by REA officials from Washington were those by Avery L. Colburn, Engineering Regional Head, who said most items needed in power line construction are now easily available; and Mrs. Jane Hughes, Assistant Insurance Specialist, Management Division, who gave pointers on precautions co-ops should take regarding insurance.

Randolph Williams spoke on the Capital Credits plan and distributed literature on the subject. He said it was his job to set up the books of co-ops adopting this plan and he agreed to meet with the boards of directors and give full explanation, or render any other aid possible.

Cecil E. Viverette, manager of the Blue Ridge E.M.C. and chairman of the Safety and Job Training committee, said of the program: "It's a great investment for not only a co-op but for the tax-payer, who pays two-thirds of the cost." W. L. DeVaughn of Statesville, who works with co-ops on this program, reported that he attended a three-day safety meeting in Winston-Salem in May and that his being placed on the program meant that REA's safety and job training program had received official recognition.

Members of the association voted to have the new president appoint a committee to arrange for workshop conferences and discussion centers at various points in the state.

The next meeting of the state association will be held at Mayview Manor Hotel in Blowing Rock on August 17 and 18.

State REA Approves Loan Bids

The State Rural Electrification Authority in Raleigh has authorized eleven North Carolina REA Co-operatives to apply to Washington for loans to widen and improve their service to the people in rural North Carolina.

Approval by the State REA is tantamount to approval by Washington.

Loan applications approved were submitted by Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation of Shallotte for $225,000; Burke-McDowell Electric Membership Corporation of Morganton for $460,000; Cornelius Electric Membership Corporation of Cornelius for $215,000; Edgecombe-Martin Electric Membership Corporation of Tarboro for $365,000; French Broad Electric Membership Corporation of Marshall for $365,000; Randolph Electric Membership Corporation of Asheboro for $184,000; Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation of Rich Square for $335,000; Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation of Forest City for $1,108,300; Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation of Dobson for $1,060,000; and Wake Electric Membership Corporation of Wake Forest for $116,000.

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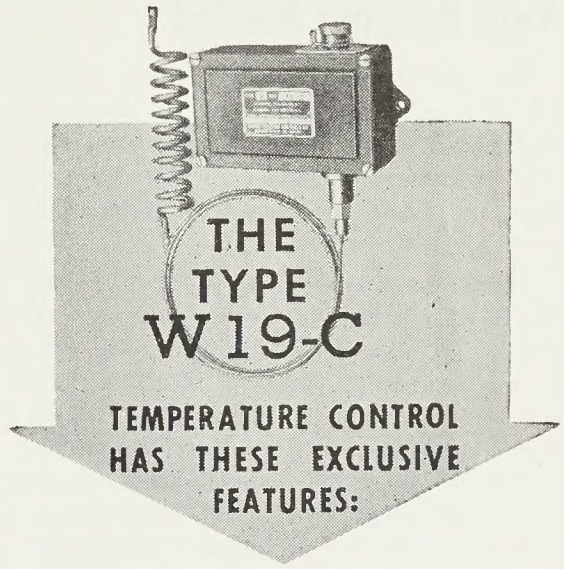

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ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK

Rural Phone Bill Stalled; Your Backing Needed

The Bill (H.R. 2960) which would permit the Rural Electrification Administration to make loans for the construction of rural telephone lines still has not come up before the House of Representatives for vote.

The stalemate stalling the Bill is the result of an unequal battle between organization and disorganization. The telephone companies fighting the bill have done an excellent lobbying job. Staking their hopes on the "Aunt Kate" approach, they have wheedled thousands of letters from "the people" to their Congressmen.

There were fewer letters supporting the bill, because there was no organization on that side of the fence devoting its attention exclusively to the bill. Most farmers were either unaware of the bill or unfamiliar with its objectives. Even some independent telephone companies withheld their support for weeks because they did not have adequate information. As the facts on the Bill, which was introduced by Rep. W. R. Poage (Tex.) and supported by the House Agriculture Committee, get around, evidence of the widespread support is growing. Supporting letters from farmers and independent companies, privately-owned as well as mutual, have been increasing—but they are still too few.

Evidently there is more than enough support of the bill to assure its passage, if it were only expressed, but much of this has not been expressed to Congressmen who are anxious to have the opinions of their constituents before acting.

Briefly the provisions of the bill are to provide REA loans for the construction of rural phone lines, with priority given to existing companies for the first six months. Thereafter telephone cooperatives, mutuals or independents would be eligible for loans.

Vote of Confidence

Every once in awhile you run across a news story about some bureaucrat being caught with extra money toward the end of the year and ordering his underlings to spend it some way or another so that the next year's budget won't be cut.

Action on the Rural Electrification Administration loan authorization for fiscal 1950 by the House of Representatives was refreshing in the face of such stories. The House voted $350,000,000 in loan funds for REA plus another $150,000,000 if it is found necessary.

REA's loan policies have been so sound and the repayment record of rural electric cooperatives so excellent that the House feels it can rely on REA and its borrowers to use only that amount of the allocation found necessary.

That is about as fine a compliment as can be paid to the program in an era of expanding bureaus and astronomical expenditures.

More REA Loans Approved

$860,000.00 for Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation, Dobson, N. C., for the construction of 397 miles of additional lines to serve 1,571 more members. Also to finance 40 miles of tie lines and install two-way radio in new headquarters building.

$460,000.00 for Burke-McDowell Electric Membership Corporation to construct 190 miles of line to serve 551 additional members. Two-way radio installation and general system improvements including 8 miles of tie lines are also planned.

REA Now Fourteen Years Old

Fourteen years ago this May the rural electrification program got underway. It was faced with the terrific job of electrifying the 90% of America's farms which were still doing without electricity four decades after the cities began getting the modern energy.

Few people paid much attention to REA back in the middle thirties. Still fewer expected it to accomplish much toward altering America's hindmost position in rural electrification among leading nations. Private utility experts used their statistical formula as the basis for statements that all the farms of America which could be served were being served already.

Two major "unknowns" were not considered in their statistical formula—the farmer's desire for electricity and his methods of doing business. After the private utilities turned down Government offers to make loans to them for rural line construction, the farmers began forming co-ops to do the job for themselves.

The record of these co-ops has been so amazingly excellent that the REA program is one of the few things no politician would dare to attack directly. In fourteen years the rural electric systems have electrified over 2½ million homes, leaving only 25% of America's farms without electricity in contrast to the 90% which were without in 1935.

Financially the record of these rural systems is just as excellent. Like our system, all the 950 other farmer-owned rural electrics have made their principal and interest payments and the Government has not lost a dime loaned to them.

Convinced by the success of these systems that they were in error in assuming the job could not be done, the private utilities have begun building some rural lines of their own.

Electrical Safety Requires Caution

"Put both hands to work" is a good rule for saving both time and labor on household jobs, but in dealing with electrical equipment it is safer not to use both hands for different tasks at the same time, says Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service.

For safety when handling any electric appliance or when changing a fuse, avoid touching anything else, advises Miss Current. If the appliance happens to be worn or otherwise defective, causing a short circuit, there is always danger of a shock. Bnt there is less chance of severe shock if one hand is free or is not touching anything else.

Electricity, says the State home agent, seeks the shortest and easiest route to make its circuit to the ground. It should be prevented from making that circuit through the body from one hand to the other.

Miss Current gives the following example of a "two-handed hazard"; One hand is running a vacuum cleaner and the other moves a metal lamp out of the way. If either of these appliances happens to have a loose wire or other defect, the current may rnn through the body.

In the bathroom and kitchen, special care must be taken because electricity travels through water. When turning on an electric light with one hand, take care not to touch water or the metal water faucet with the other. Be sure hands are dry when handling any electric equipment, and make sure that the floor is dry too. Cement floors often appear dry when actually they hold enough moisture to be shock hazards. Never touch a radio, portable electric heater, or even turn on lights when in the bathtub or when washing dishes or clothes, advises Miss Current.

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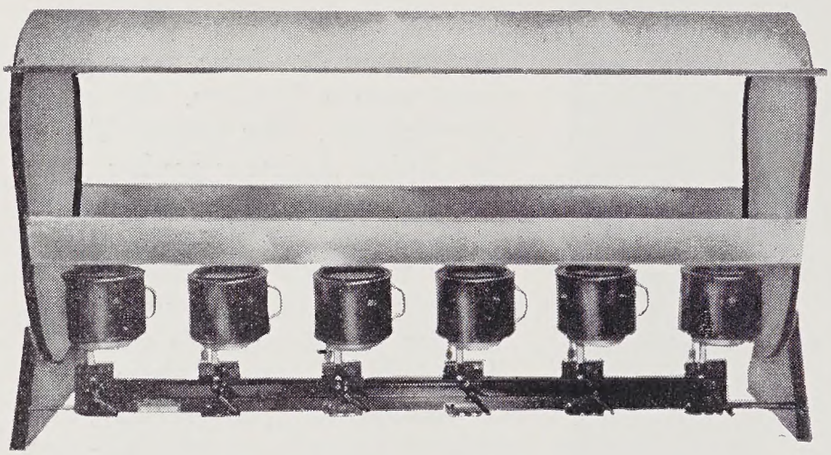

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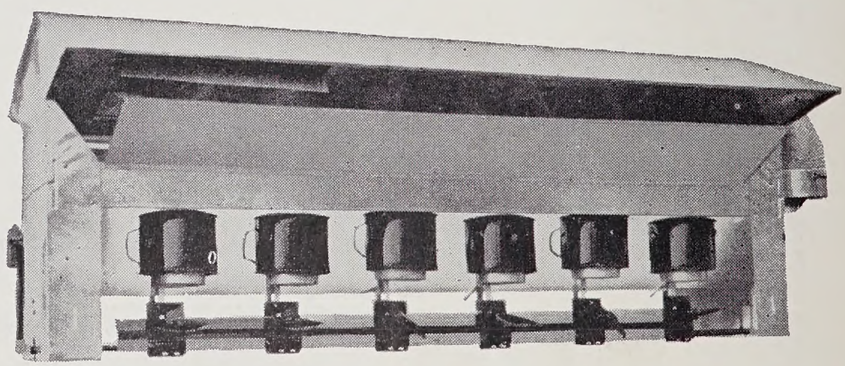

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